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Dear Joshua:

I received your recent letter with - to coin a cliché - mixed emotions. First of all I was pleased that you thought well enough of the "Code" to use it as a source book for your students. But I was chagrined that I blundered so badly on the history of your entry into the field.

I can only plead lack of time as the extenuating circumstance for my error. You see, I write these books as a hobby and do them almost completely from memory in the early hours of the morning. The writing of the "Code" coincided with the burst of methylating activity and I did not check out all of the personal relationships. Forgive me: it will be corrected in the next printing.

I will be interested in knowing how your students react to the book.

Cordially,

Ernest Borek

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